

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 2, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

In the Final Office Action issued February 2, 2005, claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Witkowski et al. (U.S. Patent 6,345,272).

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to narrow the scope of the claims.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following is respectfully requested.

A. Amendments

Independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended to be distinct from Witkowski et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,345,272). Independent claims 1 and 9 recite, inter alia, analyze the input and determine whether the input requires a joining of data in a plurality of different detail tables; if the input requires a joining of data in a plurality of different detail tables, causing the processor to modify the content of the first query indicating the selected data to be obtained to generate a second structured query. Witkowski does not teach or test this claimed feature. In Witkowski, there is no test for determining multiple source tables before a second

query is generated. In Witkowski, a second query is generated regardless of the number of sources required.

Thus, Witkowski fails to disclose or suggest all of the claimed elements recited in independent claims 1 and 9. Accordingly, Witkowski does not teach or suggest the invention claimed by claims 1 and 9.

Dependent claims 2-8 and 10-15 depend from claims 1 and 9 respectively and thus are not taught or suggested for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claims 1 and 9.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 (19111.0045).

Respectfully Submitted,



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